banned the use of the drug, other countries have permitted its use. Analgin is the active ingredient of Baralgen.

To the best of our knowledg while preparations containing Analgin are marketed in West Germany Maxico, Thailand, Japan, Italy, USSR, Spain, Brazil, Neitherland, Belgium, France, they are banned in Australia, U.K., U.S.A., Canada, Sweden and Denmark.

Analgin (Dipyrone), an active ingredient of Baralgen is an analgesic antipyretic drug and is used to alley different types of pain and also to lower down temperature. The drug is marketed in the country either alone or in combinations by both Indian and foreign firms. The drug Analgin is an official drug in U.S.S.R. Pharmacopoeia and also in the Indian Pharmacopoeia. (d) The question of banning the use of Analgin was examined by the Government in consultation with the Drugs Consultative Committee and the Drugs Technical Advisory Board. In view of the fact that this drug is currently being marketed in a number of developed countries and a detailed study of the adverse reaction of Analgin is being conducted by the Drug Epidemiology Unit of Bosten University, both the bodies had recommended that the question of banning may be considered after the results of this study are available. An interim report of the large scale Boston study which is still in progress has been made available to us. According to this study the reported low incidence of 5 cases of agranulocytosis per million (such incidence rate covering not Analigin alone but all drugs) have prompted the Ethical Committee of the Bosten Collaborative Group to recommend continuation of the study.

The question of banning the use of the drug Analgin would be considered after the final results of this study are made available to us.

Accident involving 153 Up Jayanti Janata and a truck

1709. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN :
SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 153 Up Jayanti Janata Express collided with a truck at a railway level crossing in Muzaffarpur (Bihar) on the 15th February, 1986, in which at least three persons were killed;

(b) if so, what were the circusmtances and causes of the accident; and

(c) what action has been taken against those found responsible for the accident

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) The accident occurred at an unmanned level crossing in which two persons were killed.

(b) Negligent driving by the truck driver, who tried to cross unmanned level crossing in the face of an approaching train.

(c) The truck driver, responsible for the accident, died on the spot due to which police could not take action against him for rash and negligent driving.

1710. [*Transferred to the 14th March* 1986]

दिल्ली-अलीगढ़ और मेरठ शटलों का समय

1711. श्री अच्छेलाल बाल्मीक : क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या नई दिल्ली-अलीगढ़ शटल और नई दिल्ली-मेरठ शटल के समय में